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PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY FOR IRRIGATION IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been implemented to provide electricity for irrigation pump sets in rural areas of Bihar during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) the targets fixed and the achievement made so far in this regard alongwith the financial assistance provided for the said purpose during the above period; and

(d) the amount which is likely to be allocated for providing electricity to pump sets in Bihar during 2000-2001 and the remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b): The details of the pump-sets energized during each of the last three years in Bihar are as under:-

Year	No. of pumpset energised
1997-98	932
1998-99	813
1999-2000	1539

(c): The fixation of programme targets and implementation of the same for providing electricity for irrigation pumpsets in rural areas of Bihar is determined by Bihar State Electricity Board/State Government.The Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) provides loan assistance for Rural Electrification Programme for the schemes sponsored by StateElectricity Boards/Power Utilities.Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB)has not drawn any financial assistance from Rural Electrification Corporation for energisation of irrigation pumpsets during the last three years.

(d): Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has allocated a sumof Rs. 90 crore as a loan to Bihar State Electricity Board for Rural Electrification Programme including pumpset energisation during the year 2000-2001. The actual disbursement of loan will depend on their complying with the normal commercial terms that REC as a financial institution stipulates in this regard.